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TO: Optometrist (77) Provider Letter Number A-144

RE: Fee Increase

Dear *KyHealth Choices* Provider:

Effective July 1, 2007 the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will increase fees for specific procedure codes. The fee increases include the following:

1. Ten (10) Evaluation and Management (E&M) CPT codes for outpatient office visits. These codes include 99201 through 99205 and 99211 through 99215. Current fees are paid at approximately 54% of the Medicare allowable rate. Fees for these E&M codes will increase to 87.5% of the 2006 Medicare allowable rate.
2. Fourteen (14) preventive service CPT codes for the Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Testing (EPSDT) program. These codes include 99381 through 99387 and 99391 through 99397. Fees for these codes will increase 12.5% above their current rates.
3. Approximately 3% of all CPT codes comprise 80% of the total payments to Physicians in *KyHealth Choices*. Evaluation of these codes revealed that approximately 130 were well below 79% of the Medicare allowable. The attached list shows which codes received an increase and the current and new Medicaid rates.

Additionally, effective July 1, 2007, DMS will increase the limit for comprehensive E & M CPT codes for outpatient visits to two (2) per year. These codes include 99214 and 99215. Prior Authorization (PA) will be required for members requiring more than two visits per year.

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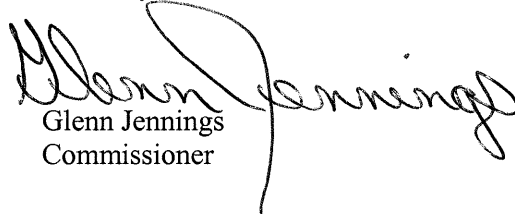
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The revised fee schedule with the changes included in this letter is enclosed and will also be available on our website at <http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/> .

The fee increases and other changes to the Medicaid program is an effort to more appropriately compensate providers for patient care. Through these efforts, it is anticipated that members will be provided improved access to care.

If you have any questions concerning these changes, please contact the Division of Hospital and Provider Operations at (502) 564-6511, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (eastern-time).

Sincerely,


Glenn Jennings
Commissioner

Enclosure(s)

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